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Amendments to the Abstract:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A dilatation pin has a diameter which increases proximally from the distal end, and a tubular guide sleeve has an inner diameter which corresponds to the diameter of the distal end, reduced in diameter, of the dilatation pin. The guide sleeve in its longitudinal direction may be separated open over the entire length along at least one line, which is preferably a frangible area.